

SENATE BILL 2982
By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-109, relative to voluntary inspection services by architects or engineers at emergency scenes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-109, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) An architect or engineer who voluntarily, without compensation or expectation of compensation, provides structural or building systems inspection services at the scene of a declared national, state, or local natural or man-made emergency at the request of a public safety officer or city or county building inspector acting in an official capacity shall not be liable in negligence for any personal injury or property damage caused by the architect's or engineer's good faith, but negligent, inspection of a structure used for human habitation or a structure owned by a public entity, for structural integrity or nonstructural elements affecting life and safety. The immunity provided by this section shall apply only for an inspection that occurs within ninety (90) days of the declared national, state, or local natural or man-made emergency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.